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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM'S SCHEDULE IN ISRAEL

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1. MFA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR UN AFFAIRS (RONN)
HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR WALDHEIM'S VISIT
TO ISRAEL:
MONDAY, APRIL 17
ARRIVAL LATE AFTERNOON FROM BEIRUT
1730 MEETING IN TEL AVIV WITH WEIZMAN
PROCEED TO JERUSALEM

2000 WORKING DINNER WITH SIILASVUO

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

0930 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN

1030 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN

HELICOPTER TO SOUTH LEBANON AND RETURN TO
JERUSALEM LATE AFTERNOON. RONN SAID GOI
HOPES TO HAVE A DEBRIEFING SESSION WITH
WALDHEIM BUT THIS IS NOT YET FIRM.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK

2. IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE AN APPROPRIATE
SCHEDULE FOR WALDHEIM BECAUSE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
SIMONET ALSO ARRIVES ON MONDAY, APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR
BEFORE WALDHEIM. SIMONET'S VISIT HAS BEEN ON THE BOOKS
FOR SOME TIME AND SOME OF HIS EVENTS HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE
TO REARRANGE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE WILL BE A GUEST AT A
STATE DINNER, TUESDAY, EVENING, APRIL 18.

3. RONN WAS CAUTIOUS ABOUT THE RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED
FROM WALDHEIM'S VISIT. HE SAID THERE IS AN OBVIOUS
DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS BETWEEN "THE REALITIES OF THE TERRAIN
IN SOUTH LEBANON AND THE POLITICAL HAGGLING IN NEW
YORK." WALDHEIM HAS GIVEN VERY LITTLE INDICATION OF
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WHAT HE EXPECTS AND SAID ONLY THAT HE WANTS TO VISIT
HIS TROOPS AND COMMANDERS. RONN SAID HE WAS SURE THAT
WALDHEIM WANTED TO HAVE SEEN THE SITUATION FOR HIMSELF
PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20/21.

4. PRESS REACTION TO WALDHEIM'S VISIT FOCUSES ON THE
OPPORTUNITY FOR ISRAEL TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN AND TO
IMPRESS ON THE SYG THE DIFFICULTIES FACED IN SOUTH
LEBANON. THE IMPORTANCE OF IDF WITHDRAWAL BEING CO-
ORDINATED WITH UNIFIL ARRIVALS IS ALSO A THEME OF PRESS
COMMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, NEWS COMMENTATOR ELI RAM SAID ON TV LAST NIGHT

"IT IS A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL
IN THE FIELD THAT ISRAEL WANTS TO PULL BACK FROM SOUTHERN
LEBANON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT THAT THE SPEED OF THE
WITHDRAWAL IS CONTINGENT UPON THE SPEED OF THE UN FORCES'
DEPLOYMENT." OTHERS SEE THE VISIT AS A MEANS OF AVOIDING
THE UNSC SESSION: AL HAMISHMAR COMMENTED: "IT IS THOUGHT
THAT AFTER DR. WALDHEIM HAS STUDIED THE SITUATION ON THE
SPOT, HE WILL RECOMMEND, ONCE HE IS BACK IN NEW YORK,
THAT A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SOUTH LEBANON BE PUT

OFF, IF NOT CANCELLED ALTOGETHER."

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